



# Redhawk

## RELEASE

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**ISSUE #7**

### MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

The next few weeks before Winter break are full of exciting events and holiday cheer! A reminder that our last day of school is Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> and students will return on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for continuing to engage in our school newsletters so you are up to date with important events. Please note that if you need to access any of the old newsletters that they are posted on our website.

Happy Holidays!



Jonathan Harris  
Proud Principal  
DW Poppy Secondary School

### ESPRESSIVO WINTER CELEBRATION

**Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023** at DW Poppy Secondary School.  
Kick off the Holiday season with DW Poppy's musicians for a night of Live Music, a 50/50 draw & Food Trucks.

- **5:30pm** - Doors open & Food Trucks will be serving.
- **6:00pm** – Student Musicians need to be signed in.
- **6:30pm** – Live Music from the DW Poppy Bands, Choirs and Elementary Honour Band.

Audience Tickets \$5.00 per person – Purchase ONLINE [HERE](#)

Tickets are general admission. We will have the bleachers partially open and limited table seating. Ticket purchase online puts you on our guest list to guarantee admission, but please Print or Screen/Cap your receipt to bring with you as your ticket(s) for admission. We MAY have tickets available at the door, but this event often sells out, so don't hesitate.

We will also be running a 50/50 draw throughout the evening to support the purchase of additional music for the ensembles and to repair some of our more "well-loved" school instruments, so please consider bringing a bit of cash to purchase a ticket or make a donation.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ESPRESSIVO MUSIC NIGHT**  
**5:30-9PM**

**DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
**HOMECOMING DANCE**  
**6:30-9:30PM**

**DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**PAC MEETING – 7PM**

**DECEMBER 10-15<sup>TH</sup>**  
**GRAD PHOTOS – 3-9PM**  
**SIGN UP NOW!**

**DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**  
**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE**  
**WINTER BREAK**

**HOLIDAY BREAKFAST & ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>**  
**SCHOOL RE-OPENS**

**JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**PAC MEETING – 7PM**

**JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>-24<sup>TH</sup>**  
**GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS BEGIN**

**JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**LAST DAY OF SEMESTER 1**

**JANUARY 26, 29, 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
**TRANSITION DAYS**  
**NO STUDENTS IN SESSION**

**JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>**  
**SEMESTER 2 BEGINS**





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## HOMEcoming DANCE – GR. 11 & 12

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Homecoming is on Thursday, December 7th. Tickets are now available for purchase on School Cash Online for **grade 11 and 12s only**. Tickets are \$25 each. The only guests allowed are DW Poppy alumni from last year's grad class, and they can purchase tickets at the door. **Today is the last day to buy Homecoming tickets!**

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## DW POPPY CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

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Everyone is invited to a Christmas movie night at **DW Poppy on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**. We will be watching Elf and the \$5.00 admission (cash or card at the door) includes popcorn. Concession available with candy, food, and drink, and you can pre-order a large pizza for \$20 through School Cash Online. Bring your pillows, blankets and pajamas.

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## SOCIAL MEDIA AWARENESS - FAMILY WORKSHOP

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### **Social Media Awareness Family Session** **Virtual Presentation on December 5<sup>th</sup> @6:30pm**

In partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare's *erase* strategy, due to high demand, an additional "Social Media Awareness" Family Session will be offered on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. This 60-minute session will be held virtually via Zoom.

To register for this session please click on the link below:

***Family Session: Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities Tickets, Tue, Dec 5, 2023 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite***

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## GIVE THE GIFT OF READING TO DWP

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Looking for the gift that keeps on giving? Consider choosing a book from DWP library's Amazon Wish List. Our list of books includes student requests, staff recommendations and the teacher librarian's expert selections. Gifting a book from our Amazon list this season will directly support DWP students as they seek out titles and read for pleasure. Please see the attached brochures for more information.

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## DW POPPY CHRISTMAS FAMILY HAMPERS

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It's time for DWP's longstanding tradition to support families in our community with Christmas Family Hampers. The Family Studies 11/12 class has taken this project on for the school and we are looking for your donations in the form of cash, cheques, gift cards and you can give on the school cash online system.

There are prizes for the Block D classes with the highest donations:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pizza Lunch
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Donuts
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Timbits

Your generous gifts will be collected from Nov 30<sup>th</sup> - Dec 14<sup>th</sup> to help 12 families. Thank you!

Click [here](#) donate online.





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## HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK

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Winter Break is almost here which means it's almost Poppy's Holiday Spirit Week!

- **Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** - **Green** and **Red** Day
- **Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>** - **Santa Hat Day** - Wear a Santa hat and bring your own mug to get free hot chocolate at lunch.
- **Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** - **Holiday Accessory Day** - Wear your favourite holiday accessory and pre-purchase your gingerbread house (\$10) for the competition at lunch.
- **Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** - **PJ Day** - Wear your Pj's and come to school early for our pancake breakfast. Please bring a \$2 donation to support the Breakfast Bistro and breakfast will start at 8:15am for students. There will be pancakes, sausages and more!

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## GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION

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Leadership will be hosting our annual gingerbread house competition on **December 20<sup>th</sup>** in the small gym at lunch. Pre-purchase your house for \$10 per group at lunch from December 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Groups can bring extra supplies if they want to enhance their house! There will be prizes for the most creative/original house and aesthetically pleasing house.

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## GRAD PHOTOS 2023-24

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**Grad Photo** information is now up on the Grad Board near the office. Scan the QR code to book your time. Photos take place **Dec. 10-16<sup>th</sup>**.

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## GRAD 12 TRANSCRIPTS

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Counsellors met with Grade 12 students during tutorial on October 11<sup>th</sup> to help them sign up for the Student Transcript Service (STS). This service allows universities to access their grades and it is the only way to receive a student's official transcript. Schools cannot generate official transcripts, and it is only available through the Ministry of Education through the STS. It is the student's responsibility to sign up, and they can order transcripts now and in the future. Students can locate their PEN on any of their report cards or on MyEd. STS instructions are available on the DW Poppy website under the Counselling Centre tab, or on the Poppy Grad 2024 Teams. A handout is also attached. Thank you for helping our grade 12 students stay on top of their post-secondary plans.

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## POST SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS

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SASSY Langley for 2024 is up and running for its ninth year. In that time, \$100,000 has been awarded to Langley students headed for post-secondary education. Last year, 61 applications were received, of which 95% were from Grade 12 Langley School District students.

Further details and the application form are attached. This year's deadline is **Friday, March 15, 2024** at 11:59 PM.

Please contact George Bryce at [gbryce66@shaw.ca](mailto:gbryce66@shaw.ca) with any questions.

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## SCHOOL CLOSURES DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

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The Langley School District uses a notification system called SchoolMessenger to communicate information to families. If you **did not receive a text or email** message during our most recent power outage, then please



ensure you sign up for our schoolmessenger system. For more information about the system and how to opt-in to receive text messages, visit the District webpage [here](#).

Snow closures and power outages are an annual occurrence in Langley School District. So, where do you go to get information about the status of schools during periods of inclement weather? If you are able to access the internet via computer or smartphone, current information about Langley schools can be accessed on all school websites or [www.sd35.bc.ca](http://www.sd35.bc.ca). Updates are also posted to X (formerly Twitter) @LangleySchools and Facebook at [www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict](https://www.facebook.com/langleyschooldistrict). If you don't have internet connectivity but your phone is working, call a relative or friend in an area that has not been affected by the storm and ask them to check the district website for you. Local radio stations are also informed of school status in Langley. Tune in to CKWX 1130AM, CKNW 980AM, Country Radio 107.1FM, Pulse 107.7 or CBC 690AM or 88.1FM for updates.

Please note that Langley District schools are all considered 'open' until a decision to close is required. Decisions on school closures are usually made by 6:30am. As always, it is a parent's decision whether to send their child to school based on safety and individual circumstances. If you feel it is unsafe for you or your child to travel to or attend an open school for any reason, please keep your child home and report an absence to the school.

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## DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

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The front entrance of the school parking lot is very busy during drop-off and pick-up times as we have many students who are bussed to school. Please do not drop off or pick-up your children directly out front of the school as it causes challenges when busses arrive to unload or pick-up. We appreciate your cooperation in minimizing the traffic at the front of our school.

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## PREVIOUS INFORMATION

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### A SEASON OF THEATRE

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Across the District, our drama/theatre programs are gearing up for another fabulous year of musical and theatrical productions featuring Langley's students. Please get out and support the Arts in our schools by attending one or all of the shows that will be happening in the new year. Individual show times and ticket sales will happen through each school's own website. Click below to see more information.

***Season of Theatre 2024.pdf***

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## BASKETBALL TRAINING ACADEMY AT DW POPPY

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The Dedicated Basketball Academy is working in partnership with DW Poppy and our elementary feeder schools to provide amazing basketball expertise and training to our students. See the attached brochure for more details. Don't miss out on your opportunity to register!

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## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES & RESPONSE

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Health and safety are a priority in the Langley School District. Schools follow emergency procedures to ensure students, staff, and any visitors in our schools or sites are safe when unexpected incidents or events happen. At the start of every school year, administrators, teachers, and staff review these emergency procedures. Schools practice a set number of drills annually in preparation for unexpected situations. The District encourages families to become familiar with these staff emergency procedures and the drills that are completed in our schools. You can read them in the Staff Emergency Procedures Poster [here](#) or find them posted in areas throughout our buildings. If you have any questions or concerns about emergency procedures, please get in contact with your child's teacher or administrator.



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## BREAKFAST BISTRO & HOMEWORK HELP

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The Breakfast Bistro is open and ready to serve our students. Stop in and have a snack! Needing homework help? Come talk to the Education Assistants in the breakfast bistro and book a time.

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## SCHOOL FEES

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Every year, there are fees payable to the school for different items, including student fees, grad fees, donation items, any athletics related items, workbooks, etc. The Langley School District uses an online system to collect these fees as it is user friendly and saves students from having to carry cash. Please go online at <https://schoolcashionline.com/> to register your child(ren). You will get an email notification any time a new "item" is available for purchase and the first item you will see are the student fees for the coming year. Please email Mrs. Bezanson at [mbezanson@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:mbezanson@sd35.bc.ca) if you have any questions regarding school cash online or school fees.

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## BELL SCHEDULE

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Please note the **Bell Schedule** below:

BELL	SCHEDULE	M	T	W	Th	F
Welcome	8:50	Day 1/2	Day 2/1	Day 1/2	Day 2/1	Day 1/2
Period 1	8:55 – 10:05	A	B	ABCD	C	D
MTSS	10:10 – 10:45	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial
Period 2	10:50 – 12:00	B	A	BADC	D	C
Lunch	12:00 – 12:35					
Period 3	12:40 – 1:50	C	D	CDAB	A	B
Period 4	1:55 – 3:05	D	C	DCBA	B	A

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## TUTORIAL TIME

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Tutorial is instructional time built into the DW Poppy daily schedule that supports students' learning. During tutorial time, students may choose to meet with teachers for support within their timetable or work in areas of passion to extend their learning. Tutorial time (Multi-Tiered Student Supports, or MTSS) is scheduled every day for 35 minutes.



<b>Welcoming Bell</b>	<b>8:50</b>
Period 1	8:55 - 10:05
<b>Tutorial</b>	<b>10:10 – 10:45</b>
Period 2	10:50 – 12:00
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12:00 – 12:35</b>
Period 3	12:40 – 1:50
Period 4	1:55 – 3:05

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## CALENDAR

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Students use “My School Day” App to help keep organized with block orders and the school calendar. Check it out under “Student Life” on our website. Homeroom teachers will help students navigate this App as it is a tool that all students are encouraged to use.

[Click here for District Calendar 2023-24](#)

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## STAYING CONNECTED – COMMUNICATION TOOLS

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Good communication between home and school is critical to ensuring student success. We have a few structures in place to help share information. To stay informed, please be sure you use the following online methods.

**Redhawk Release:** Good communication between home and school is a critical factor in student success. We encourage parents to read the monthly newsletter “Redhawk Release” and pay close attention to school emails for important information. We welcome your involvement, and your suggestions.

### SchoolMessenger

The Langley School District uses a notification system called SchoolMessenger to communicate information to families. As we welcome our new families to our schools, some parents/guardians may receive a text message notifying them about SchoolMessenger. For more information about the system and how to opt-in to receive text messages, visit the District webpage [here](#).



My School Day - [Click here](#)



Website: <https://dwps.sd35.bc.ca>

### Follow Us On:



Instagram: @dwpoppysecondary



Facebook: @DW Poppy Secondary Parent & Guardian Page

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## ILLNESS/ABSENCE

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It is always best to keep sick children home from school. If a student is away for an extended amount of time, please contact their teachers to arrange for work that they can complete at home or on TEAMS.

DW Poppy has an automated system to contact the home of every student who is absent to inform parents of their child's absence. Please contact the school at **604-530-2151** or by email at [dwppattendance@sd35.bc.ca](mailto:dwppattendance@sd35.bc.ca) to avoid the automatic call and help inform us of any absences. This not only saves us from making an unnecessary call, but if there are students who need our help, it helps us to identify them faster.